

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-10 and 12-14 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 9, 10, 12-14 are independent. All of the pending claims stand rejected. By this amendment, claims 1, 9, 10, 12-14 are amended. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-10 and 12-14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,583,813 to Enright et al. ("Enright").

In the *Response to Arguments* section of the Final Office Action, the Examiner describes, *inter alia*, that:

However, it is clear from column 36, lines 32 *et seq.* and figures 62-72 that the email also includes information about the nature of the triggering event and capture time. Also it is inherent that the email will include time text data with the sensing condition since in column 36 lines 39-41 Enright et al. mentions that the recipient of the email receives useful information of the occurrence of the machine from figures 62-72; also figure 19 including time and data data[sic]. I.e. there is no limitation in the claim to have the text data being separate from the image data; the data included in the image is considered to be text data by the examiner as discussed in the claims. Emphasis added. Pages 2-3 of the Office Action.

Also, as far as the argument by the applicant that "One of the aspects of the present invention is to help the recipient of the email message to know the contents of the image data (e.g., time information) distributed through the received electronic mail even without opening the image data attached with the email. See, e.g., the Background of the invention section of the original specification (e.g., page 2, line 20 through page 3, line 1 of the original specification)" this limitation is not claimed in the actual claims. Emphasis added. Page 3-4 of the Office Action.

First of all, as Applicant understand it, when “time information of the image sensed at said sense means” is converted into “text data” by the converting means as claimed in the present invention, it is apparent to an ordinary skill in the art that the converted text data is separated from the image data because the image data has different data format (i.e., graphic data).

Secondly, the aspect of the present invention, as Applicant explained in the remark section of the previously submitted amendment and cited by the Examiner as described above, is an inherent effect or benefit that a user may have as a result of this invention. For example, when the time information of the image sensed at the sense means is converted into text data and transmitted to a user by electronic mail where the converted text data is a part of the electronic mail, the user (i.e., recipient) then can know the time information of the sensed image even without opening the image data. Applicant believes that a claim needs not recite all the resulting effects or benefits that the inventive aspect of the claim gives.

Additionally, as Applicant explained in the previously submitted Amendment, the cited reference (i.e., Enright) fails to show or suggest the inventive aspect of the present invention as discussed above, e.g., converting time information of the image into text data and transmitting the converted text data as a part of an electronic mail.

Accordingly, each of claims 1, 9, 10, 12-14 is believed neither anticipated by nor rendered obvious in view of the cited reference for at least the reasons discussed above.

Nonetheless, claims 1, 9, 10, 12-14 are amended for further clarification each reciting, *inter alia*, “wherein the converted text data is separated from the image” as pointed out by the Examiner.

Applicant believes that the amended claims further distinguish over the cited reference

(i.e., Enright).

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 9, 10 and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Applicant has not individually addressed the rejections of the dependent claims because Applicant submits that the independent claims from which they respectively depend are in condition for allowance as set forth above. Applicant however reserves the right to address such rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary.

Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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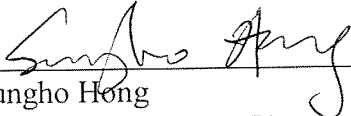
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An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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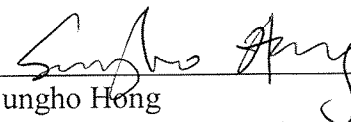
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